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CABLE: A. YACHT DATA: 1. U.S. DOCUMENTED VESSEL RESISTRY
NO. 556797, KETCH "PALAWAN" IS 69 FOOT OCEAN CRUISING
VESSEL WITH 170 HP GENERAL MOTORS DIESEL ENGINE, 18 FOOT
BEAM AND 8 FOOT DRAFT.; 2. PALAWAN WOULD ARRIVE GUAYAQUIL
APPROXIMATELY JANUARY 20, 1976, AND DEPART FOR GALAPAGOS
ISLANDS JANUARY 22. RESEARCH VISITS WOULD BE MADE TO ISLA
HOOD; ISLA FLOREANA (CORONA DEL DIABLO); ISLA ISABELA
(CALETA IGUANA, BAHIA URVINA, CALETA TAGUS, AND BAHIA
CARTAGO); AND ISLA FERNANDINA (PUNTA ESPINOSA). RESEARCH
PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH CORAL REEF DEVELOPMENT AND
DESTRUCTIVE FACTORS.; 3. SPONSOR IS SMITHSONIAN INSTUTU-
TION WASHINGTON D.C.; 4. EMBARKATION GUAYAQUIL JANUARY 22
AND DISEMBARKATION BALTRA JANUARY 28. WILL SAIL FOR EASTER
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ISLAND ABOUT FEBRUARY 8.; 5. PREPARED EMBARK EQUADORIAN

OFFICIALS OR SCIENTISTS GUAYAQUIL AND FERRY THEM BACK FROM BALTRA BY WATSON AIRCRAFT.; 6. PETER GLYNN, PHD, BIOLOGIST, SMITHSONIAN TROPICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE (STRI), PANAMA; AND GERARD WELLINGTON, CONSULTING SCIENTIST, STRI; WILL CONDUCT MARINE BIOLOGICAL RESEARCH DESCRIBED UNDER ITEM 7 (FOLLOWING). DR. S. DILLON RIPLEY WILL CONDUCT ORNITHOLOGICAL RESEARCH AND WITH SMITHSONIAN REGENT THOMAS WATSON WILL CONSULT WITH DARWIN STATION ON SCIENCE PROGRAM.; 7. STRI SCIENTISTS BEGAN CORAL REEF STUDIES ON GALAPAGOS IN JANUARY 1975, CONCERNED WITH POPULATIONS OF REEF BUILDING AND NON-REEF BUILDING COLONIES OF CORALS, EFFECTS OF COOL CROMWELL CURRENT ON WESTERN SIDE OF GALAPAGOS, AND FIRST KNOWN REEF DESTRUCTION BY SEA URCHINS. PRESENT VOYAGE WILL DEVELOP COMPARATIVE DATA FROM EAST SIDE, SPECIFICALLY THE FOLLOWING: ISLA HOOD - EXTENSION OF JANUARY WORK ON CORAL POPULATIONS IN CROMWELL CURRENT; ISLA FLOREANA- CENSUS OF URCHIN POPULATIONS, FEEDING RATES, AND SEDIMENT PRODUCTION; ISLA ISABELA - X-RAY ANALYSIS OF DEAD CORAL AND GROWTH ANALYSIS, QUANTITATIVE DATA ON AHERMATYPIC (NON-REEF FORMING) CORAL, AND COMPARISON OF WATER TEMPERATURES; AND ISLA FERNANDINA- EXAMINATION OF REEF FORMATIONS IN LAVA POOLS.; 8. REEF STUDIES ARE PART OF LONG TERM SMITHSONIAN/STRI RESEARCH INTO FACTORS AFFECTING CORAL FORMATION AND DESTRUCTION.; 9. RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO ALL INTERESTED BODIES IN EQUADOR THROUGH SUCH CHANNELS AS THEY REQUEST.; 10. (OMITTED FROM REFTEL).; 11. U.S. SCIENTISTS WILL BE GLAD TO HAVE COOPERATION AND PARTICIPATION OF QUALIFIED ECUADORIAN SCIENTISTS.; AND 12. NO GEOPHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS. B. AIRCRAFT DATA: 1. ROCKWELL TWIN JET "SABRELINER".; 2. U.S. REGISTRY N6789.; 3. ARRIVE GUAYAQUIL JANUARY 22, PROCEED BALTRA SAME DAY. ETA WILL BE PROVIDED WHEN FLIGHT PLAN ESTABLISHED.; 4. DEPART BALTRA FEBRUARY 8.; 5. BALTRA, GALAPAGOS JANUARY 22 - FEBRUARY 8.; 6. NONE; 7. CAPTAIN ROBERT PHILPOTT; CO-PILOT JOHN GINTER; 8. PANAMA, GUAYAQUIL, BALTRA, GUAYAQUIL, PANAMA; TO BRING RIPLEY, WATSON, GLYNN AND WELLINGTON TO GALAPAGOS FOR RESEARCH.; 9. PASSENGERS DISEMBARKING INCLUDE MRS. WATSON AND MRS. RIPLEY IN UNCLASSIFIED

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ADDITION TO THOSE LISTED NO. 7 ABOVE.

IN ADDITION TO CORAL REEF RESEARCH BEING PERFORMED BY GLYNN AND WELLINGTON, RIPLEY AND WATSON PLAN TO DISCUSS FUTURE RESEARCH PLANS OF DARWIN STATION WITH STATION DIRECTOR CRAIG MACFARLAND, AND RIPLEY WILL TAKE OPPORTUNITY TO ADD TO HIS WORLD-WIDE ORNITHOLOGICAL STUDIES. KISSINGER

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